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secondary battery wherein the negative electrode is prepared by forming a tin film on a surface of a copper plate via an electroplating method.

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